REMARKS

Claims 49, 50, 51-52, 57-58 are canceled herein. Claims 1-13, 21, 24-25, 29-48 were previously canceled. Claims 14-19, 23, 26-28 were withdrawn from consideration. New claims 63-64 are added herein. Therefore, claims 20, 22, 53-56, and 59-64 are submitted for consideration herein.

Claims 20 and 55 are amended. Support for the amendments as well as new claims 63-64 can be found throughout the specification, comprising (but not limited to): paragraph 84, 107, 110, Figure 9 and accompanying description, paragraph 121, and other parts of the specification.

The Applicant notes that the card used in Schneider (2004/0142742) is not used to fund wagering. Lucero (5,457,306), discloses a system that uses a credit card which can be used to fund wagering on a slot machine. However, this form of payment does not involve a predetermined modified paytable. Assuming arguendo that using the electronic payment form in Lucero also invoked a special paytable, nevertheless, this would not disclose or suggest, "wherein the predetermined modified paytable becomes unavailable to the player on the first gaming machine when the player loses all funds from the first monetary ticket on the first gaming machine" as recited in claims 20 and 55. This feature is advantageous in order to ensure that a player does not abuse a predetermined modified paytable by playing it without limitation. Furthermore, using the electronic payment form in Lucero, the player can presumably continue to fund his or her credit card account and continue to play the slot machines in the casino without limitation.

Therefore, the applicant submits that the pending claims are not taught or suggested by the cited art, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues the Examiner wishes to discuss with the Applicant, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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